THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh Government has suggested that the Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project along with its associated transmission system may be implemented in the Central Sector.

Increase in the prices of price-decontrolled drugs

662. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the DPCO, 1987, every drug company has to intimate to his Ministry before increasing the prices of price decontrolled bulk drugs and finished medicines; and

(b) if so, what are the names of bulk drugs and finished medicines for which prices have been increased after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 together with the pre-revised and revised prices in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. under para 11(2) of the DPCO, 1987, any manufacturer who desires to market a new pack or revise the prices of an existing pack, of a non-scheduled formulation, may do so after furnishing the details of the proposed retail price and cost data in Form 2A.

(b) Various formulations and its dosages being thousands in number, the collection of the required information will take a long time. The time and labour involved will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Fixation of drug prices

663. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of finished medicines continue to be based on high prices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether his Ministry has evolved any mechanism to know the market prices of drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when such a system will be adopted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) Prices of finished medicines are worked-out by BICP on the basis of documentary evidence produced by the applicant in regard to purchase price of drug, however, subject to restriction to notified price, if any, or average import price as per DGHS Statistics in case of imported drug.

Use of 'hybrid' brand names

664. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: —

(a) whether it is a fact that while granting foreign collaboration a condition is placed that no foreign brand names are to be used for the domestic market;

(b) what are the reasons for which a 'hybrid' name does not amount to using a foreign brand names alongwith a prefix or suffix; and

(c) what is the meaning of

'hybrid names' alongwith an example, which is being used and which has been registered with the Registrar of Trade Mark ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, there is no separate definition of foreign trade mark, Indian trade mark or 'hybrid' trade mark. No composite trade mark (e.g. Maruti-suzuki, Hero-Honda etc.) has been registered with the Registrar of Trade Marks, as jointly owned Trade Mark.

Pilferage in LPG cylinders

665. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of the Oil Corporation had recently caught red-handed some delivery-men of M/s. Kataria Gas Agency, Delhi on charge of pilferage of gas from filled-up cylinders and the charges were subsequently found to be true; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against those delivery-men by the said Department ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Kataria Gas Agency, Delhi terminated the services of both the said deliverymen after giving 15 days' show-cause notice. However, later on, the deliverymen were reinstated after obtaining a letter of apology and an undertaking from both of them that they will not indulge in future in such malpractices. Since these deliverymen are not employees of the Indian Oil Corporation, no action can be taken against them by the Corporation. However, a letter of caution was issued by the oil company to the dealer under the Marketing Discipline guidelines.

Prices of Betamethasone and its salts

666. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the mark up eligible under DPCO, 1979 on formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts;

(b) whether it is a fact that Glaxo was enjoying a mark up of more than 200 per cent on these formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that liability shown by the company in their balance sheet ending 1987 was Rs. 3,300 lakhs on Betamethasone and its salts;

(d) whether it is also a fact that company has shown the liability as Rs. 1,11,175 lakhs ending March, 1989;

(e) whether his Ministry has reduced the liability;

(f) if so, on what ground;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has increased the prices of Betamethasone and its salts;

(h) if so, what was the earlier price and the revised prices; and

(i) what is the date from which the revised prices are applicable ?